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Commissioner for Patents
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RE: APPLICATION OF LIPHARDT ET AL. TITLED: "SAMPLE MASKING TO
REDUCE SUBSTRATE BACKSIDE REFLECTIONS";
SERIAL NO. 10/731,202;
FILE DATE: 12/01/03;
ART UNIT: 2877;
EXAMINAER: MERLINO, AMANDA

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

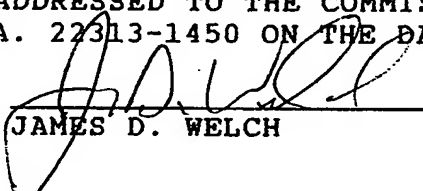
Dear Sir;

I am in receipt of an Action dated 12/15/05 regarding the identified Application.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 2 based on Patent 3,857,637 to Obenreder, and required that the Claims include a recital of the meaning of O'.

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